(c) whether their property in India also is being investigated as a case of being disproportionate to the known sources of income, if so, what is the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) The Directorate of Enforcement have initiated enquiry against Shri Ajitabh Bachchan by issuing directives under section 32(2) of the FERA, 1987 on 20.7.87 and 31.7.87 requiring him to furnish all relevant information regarding business interest, moveable and immovable properties in and outside India including acquisition of an apartment in Switzerland. The investigations are at an initial stage. It is not considered expedient to disclose further details at this stage. On the basis of outcome of investigations, action as warranted under the law, will be taken.

Receipients of commission in submarines deal

2143. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the recipients of commission in the German submarines deal and the amount so received by each one;

(b) what action has been taken to get back the payments so made and the extent of German Government's cooperation received in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to meet the situation arising out of the information that the blueprints of these submarines were sold by the suppliers to South Africa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The allegation regarding the involvement of agents in the purchase of submarines from HDW does not mention the names of the agents or the amounts received by them. Investigations in the matter have been entrusted to the Enforcement Directorate, the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the *Economic Intelligence Bureau.* Government has also taken up the matter with the West German Government and HDW, to furnish complete information. HDW have replied that the information conveyed to the Government of India is incorrect and possibly the result of a misunderstanding. HDW have further stated that the negotiations in respect of their Contract with the Government of India were held directly between the Government of India, H.D.W. and the West German Government without any Indian agent being engaged. The matter is being pursued with the Government of Federal Republic of Germany.

(c) A news item appearing in the Hindustan Times of Dec. 24, 1986 indicated that blue-prints of the HDW submarines supplied to India had been sold to South Africa. Two matter was taken up with the Government of Federal Republic of Germany.

A committee established by the West German Parliament is investigating into the matter. Meanwhile, M|s. HDW nave been addressed in regard to the violation of the confidentiality clause in the Contract.

Hilly areas of Orissa

2144. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of assistance being given by the International Development Agency for development of hilly areas of Orissa; and

(b) the details of the schemes undertaken in different blocks of Orissa with this assistance and the time by when each of these schemes is likely to be *completed?*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The International

Development Agency is not providing any assistance specifically for development of hilly areas of Orissa.

(b) Does not arise.

Crisis in film Industry

2145. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint a fresh enquiry committee to go into the crisis faced by the film industry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative what other steps Government propose to take to save the film industry from its problems such as competition from T.V. video?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) There is no evidence to establish any crisis in film industry as such there is no proposal under consideration to appoint an Enquiry Committee. Television and Video are technological advances. They are there to stay. It does not seem as if these have posed a serious threat to the film industry. In any event, the film industry which is in private sector should find a way to live with such technological advances.

Steps to freeze Swiss accounts of Indian Nationals

2146. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to freeze Swiss accounts of Indian nationals;

(b) whether any Indian delegation did visit Switzerland in this regard; if so, who were its members and what is the resume of the talks they had with Swiss officials in this regard;

(c) whether any formal request has been made by Government or delegation on the question of freezing of these accounts; and

(d) if so, what was the response of the Swiss Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (d) A team of experts headed by Shri A. Ghosh, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India was deputed to Switzerland to obtain first hand information on the existing Swiss legal frame-work and procedures for obtaining information from Swiss Bank and to study the treaties/ agreements entered into by Switzerland with other countries for mutual assistance in investigation of criminal matters. Other members of the team were Shiv V. G. Hegde, Principal Legal Advisor, Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, Shri A. K. Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs (Banking Division) and Dr. P. S. Rao, Director (Legal & Treaties), Ministry of External Affairs.

The team held discussions with representatives and officials of the Swiss Division of International Legal Assistance and Police Matters, Swiss National Bank and the Swiss Federal Banking Commission. Based on their discussions, the team has concluded that:

(i) Though Swiss authorities would not permit generalised enquiries or ordinarily divulge iformation about customers' accounts, Swiss Banking secrecy could be lifted and information about customers' accounts obtained by securing appropriate court orders in Switzerland.

(ii) The Swiss Federal Act on International Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (IMAC) provides for rendering